

Legends of the Nile

featuring Cairo, Luxor, a Nile Cruise & Abu Simbel

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Discuss what you are most curious about with **your Egyptologist** while exploring together at ancient sites.
- ▶ Gaze in wonder at the colossal statues of Ramses II at the **Great Temple in Abu Simbel**.
- ▶ Stand in awe of towering monuments and dazzling treasures in the new **Grand Egyptian Museum**.
- ▶ Contemplate the **Great Pyramid in Giza**, the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World.
- ▶ Revel in the delightful hubbub of **Cairo's old bazaar**, where bargaining is elevated to sport.
- ▶ Delight in the **natural beauty along the Nile's banks**, a contrast of fertile green valleys and desert beyond.
- ▶ Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Sphinx, Giza

Thrill to the eternal allure of Egypt! This stellar, small-group journey features a four-night luxury Nile River cruise and explorations in Cairo and Abu Simbel, all in the company of an expert Egyptologist. Explore the grandeur of ancient Egypt, including the Pyramids of Giza, the Valleys of the Kings and Queens, the Great Temple of Ramses II and much more!

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats
- ▶ tolerating varying climatic conditions

EXTEND YOUR STAY

Jordan | 3 Nights | Pre-Trip

{See website for details.}

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Cairo, Egypt. 🌐

Day 2 | Cairo, Egypt

Transfer 🚗 to the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.

Day 3 | Cairo

Discovery: Grand Egyptian Museum. Tour this new museum that houses precious relics spanning 7,000 years of ancient Egyptian history. The burial treasures of King Tutankhamen, an incomparable trove of 5,000 objects, are displayed together for the first time since his tomb was discovered in 1922.

Gather for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

Day 4 | Sakkara | Giza

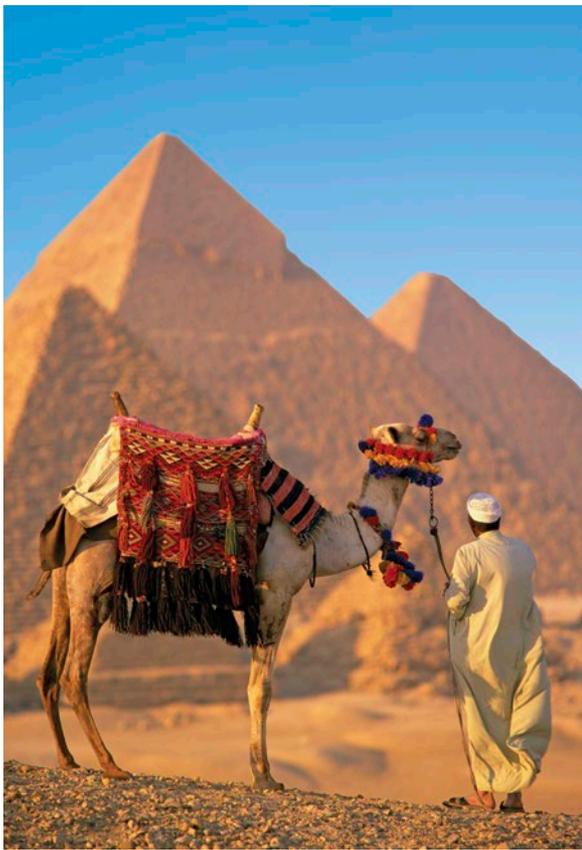
Discovery: Sakkara. Journey to this vast necropolis for the ancient capital of Memphis and visit the Mastaba of Mereruka, the Pyramid Tomb of King Teti and the Step Pyramid of Djoser, considered the first pyramid. Break for lunch afterward at a nearby restaurant.

Discovery: The Pyramids of Giza. Marvel at the awe-inspiring Great Pyramid of Giza, a masterpiece of ingenious engineering built for the pharaoh Khufu out of roughly 2.3 million massive blocks of stone. Stand before the imposing Sphinx that crouches nearby.

Day 5 | Cairo

Discovery: Islamic Cairo. Discover Cairo's many mosques. Pass through the walls of the Citadel, a medieval Islamic fortress complex, to visit the Mosque of Mohammed Ali, also known as the Alabaster Mosque. Continue to the Mosque-Madrassa of Sultan Hassan and the grand Al-Rifai Mosque, where many members of Egypt's modern royal family are entombed.

AHI Connects: Meet the People. Visit a cooperative workshop that employs impoverished people to watch beautiful rice-straw paper being made by hand.



Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **4 nights** in Cairo, Egypt, at the deluxe Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza.
- **1 night** in Luxor at the first-class Sonesta St. George Luxor Hotel.
- **4 nights** aboard the deluxe Sonesta St. George I.
- **1 night** in Cairo at the first-class InterContinental CityStars Cairo.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- All transfers in the Land | Cruise Program: flights and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 5 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner on board the ship; wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Knowledgeable, **licensed Egyptologist** accompanies you on all excursions.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of drivers and personnel at itinerary stops.



Free Time: Explore the colorful Khan el Khalili bazaar. Relax over a delicious lunch of Egyptian specialties.

Discovery: Egyptian Museum. Opened in 1902, this famed landmark contains priceless Egyptian antiquities including the complete burials of Yuya, Thuya and Psusennes I, and the fabulous treasures of Tanis.

Day 6 | Cairo | Luxor

Check out of the hotel this morning and fly to Luxor.

Discovery: Luxor Museum. Admire artifacts from the temples and necropolis of ancient Thebes.

Check in to the Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor.

Discovery: The Temple of Luxor. Sail along the Nile aboard a felucca boat, then tour Luxor Temple, one of ancient Egypt's most important religious complexes.

Day 7 | Luxor

Discovery: Luxor's West Bank – The Valleys of the Kings and Queens. Explore several tombs today, including that of King Tutankhamen, in this spellbinding region where New Kingdom pharaohs and their families awaited immortality. Below dramatic limestone cliffs, walk up the ramp that leads into the striking Temple of Queen Hatshepsut designed with colonnaded terraces. After a stop at an alabaster workshop, visit the tomb of Amun-her-Khepeshef featuring superbly preserved murals, and see the majestic Colossi of Memnon. Embark the Sonesta St. George I, and enjoy lunch.

Discovery: The Epigraphic Survey, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (The Chicago House). On an exclusive visit, see how the Chicago House preserves Egypt's ancient heritage through documentation, conservation and restoration. Delight in a belly-dancing performance this evening.

Day 8 | Karnak | Cruising the Nile

Discovery: The Temple of Karnak. Visit this immense royal burial place which includes a great hypostyle hall with 134 gigantic sandstone columns.

After lunch on board, watch from the rail as the ship transits the Esna Lock, then pursue your own interests.

Day 9 | Cruising | Edfu | Kom Ombo

Unwind this morning on the ship's deck and take in the scenery along the Nile's banks as you cruise to Edfu.

Discovery: The Temple of Horus at Edfu. Study reliefs that offer details about ancient religious rituals and political life at this well-preserved shrine.

As the ship sails to Kom Ombo, gain insights during an engaging discussion with an Egyptologist.

Discovery: Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. Explore this unusual double temple complex dedicated to the crocodile-headed Sobek, god of fertility, and the falcon-headed Haroeris, god of the sky.

Tonight, enjoy a traditional Nubian show on the ship.

Day 10 | Aswan | Abu Simbel | Aswan

After the ship docks in Aswan, fly to Abu Simbel.

Discovery: Abu Simbel. Visit the spectacular Great Temple of Ramses II carved out of a sandstone cliff along the Nile, and admire the finely preserved temple nearby dedicated to the goddess Hathor.

Fly back to Aswan. After some free time, enjoy a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship this evening.

Day 11 | Aswan | Cairo

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Aswan.

Discovery: Temple of Philae and Aswan High Dam. Sail by felucca for a tour of this island temple dedicated to the goddess Isis. After a visit to the Papyrus Institute to learn how ancient papyrus was made, see the High Dam, an engineering marvel built in the 1960s.

Fly to Cairo, then relax in your evening room at the InterContinental CityStars Cairo before an early morning departure for your connecting flights home.

Day 12 | In Transit

Very early this morning, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

2023 Departures & Pricing

February 14-25, 2023

Full Price from **\$5,945**

***See website for complete category pricing.**

VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$495 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations (available in most categories) are an additional \$1,895 (limited availability).

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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

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